Pastoral Notes

"A Jesus kind of love"-John 13: 33-34.

For a Christian, the word love should be high on the list with grace and mercy. The two greatest commandments were to, first, love God and then to love our neighbor but Jesus added a twist. He said to love one another, not as we would love, but as "he" would love.

them love and compassion and we are to model ourselves after Jesus. By doing so, those we come in contact with will know we are his disciples.

Wearing crosses and carrying bibles don't make us Christians. That is determined, not, by what we wear, or carry on the outside, but based on what we have on the inside.

Key Sermonic Points

A Jesus kind of Love:

- 1. Meets people's needs
- 2. Gives people hope
- 3. Pities people and helps them see the light of day
- 4. Corrects but does not condemn

A church is meant to be a hospital and not a country club. We must meet the needs of people, whether or not they are members. Our ultimate goal is to help people spiritually, but we may first have to help them physically. Such help starts with a show of Godly love.

Jesus met many people while he journeyed this earth and he helped all who needed it. He showed Let us follow the examples of love that the bible teaches and maintain a love for God that leads us to study and obey his Holy Word. He loved so much, he gave his life to set us free. An innocence obtained by obedience to his commands. Let us love him, one another and life.

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Nuggets:

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- Our first love is vertical, reaching up to God. Our second love is horizontal, reaching out to one another.
- If CTC wants to be like Jesus, we must be willing to meet the needs of those Jesus sends <u>to us</u> and those Jesus sends <u>us to</u>.
- Sometimes the Word of God will "cut" us but, ultimately, it will either "convict" us or "convert" us.
- God wants us to 'pray for' one another and not 'prey on' one another.

"To be like Jesus we must meet people where they are, have pity on them, teach them to remove the scales from their eyes so they can see the grace of God and will be able to walk in the marvelous light, just the same as you and I".

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Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie